

Brinkerhoff-Demarest
"Old Homestead"
493 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, Bergen County, New Jersey

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Owner: Loretta and Mary E. Demarest

Date of Erection: 1748

Architect:

Builder: Henrick Brinkerhoff

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - sandstone;
shingle gables, main house
weather boarding, wing

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof- gambrel on main house,
dormers recently added; hip
roof on wing, shingles

Historical Data:

The Old Homestead has been the home of either the Brinkerhoffs or the Demarests for over two centuries. The house was built by Henrick Brinkerhoff and was the home of the Brinkerhoff family until 1828 when it was bought from James Brinkerhoff by Caspar Demarest.

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Caspar left the home to his son, George, who in turn willed it to his son, James Brinkerhoff Demarest. His widow owned the place until 1931. It is now in the possession of the two daughters.

The house is a typically Dutch colonial type, built of red sandstone with a kitchen wing to the west. Over the kitchen wing there was a loft in which it was said the slaves slept. There is a heavy swing bell now in the possession of the Bergen County Historical Society which was once used to call the slaves from the Brinkerhoff fields.

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Miss Bailey gives an earlier date for the erection of this house than we have specified. She says that it was built about 1728-1735. The first of the Brinkerhoff family Jorisse¹ Dircksen came to Staten Island about 1638. One of his sons Hendrick Jorisse² Brinkerhoff founded the New Jersey branch. A grandson of this Hendrick, also called Hendrick⁴ was the builder.

The property was bought early in 1682 by Hendrick Jorisse² et als. Hendrick⁴ left his farm to his children; after the death of his youngest son Henry H.⁵ in 1826, the farm was divided between the son of the latter James H.⁶ and a Jacob J., undoubtedly a nephew. James H.⁶ got the house; he sold it in 1829 to Jasper or Casparus Demarest who lived in Hackensack (NJ-11). He bought the Brinkerhoff House as a wedding present for his third son George who married Sarah Brinkerhoff.

The main house and the wing according to Miss Bailey were erected at the same time(?) The inside walls are of stone and there is no lath work. The second story was added under the roof of the main house about 1800. The most unusual feature, she feels, is the overhang of the roof which extends around the gable ends.

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